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Amendment and Response to Second Office Action

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Title of Invention: Bandsaw With Double-Edged Blade and Opposing Thrust Rollers
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In response to the USPTO's First Office Action; the examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, the following paragraphs of the Disclosure and Claims have been re-written using the same numbering system as appears in the published copy of Application # 10/080,248.

No new matter is being introduced here but additional prior art references are cited in order to more narrowly define the Background of the Invention and better explain how this invention differs from the Prior Art thus defined.

The Examiner's specific objections to Claims 1, 2, and 6 are addressed under paragraph (0009). Other paragraphs were re-written to comply with the narrower definition of a wood and metal cutting bandsaw as defined in various additional references to prior art.

As required by 37 CFR 1.125 a marked-up copy is enclosed showing deletions in parenthesis with additions underlined. An identical copy of the Amended Application filed on 5/06/03 is also enclosed in clear form.

The Claims have all been re-written to answer the Examiner's objections and to conform with the necessary amendments to the Specification. No new Claims are offered, but a narrower definition of the typical bandsaw has been applied throughout in order to clarify the substance of what is being claimed. In compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, a marked-up copy of Claims showing deletions in parenthesis and additions with underlines is enclosed in addition to a clear copy of the Claims as filed on 5/06/03.

Amendments to FIGS. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are enclosed and submitted for Examiner's approval. They contain no new matter but have been amended to provide additional numerical references pertinent to the expanded definitions and clarifications of the amended application.

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